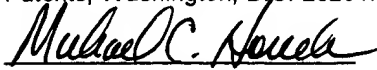


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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 and add new claims as follows:

11. A force detecting capacitive sensor comprising at least two electrodes integral with a transparency product, said electrodes having mutual capacitance affected by force acting against the transparency product.